

cold painted with a painting product to obtain a surface finish which is generally similar to or coordinated with the decoration and the finishing [of] on the front surface.

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicant elects claims 1-7 directed to the procedural process for modifying tiles for examination purposes. Further, applicant requests examination of claim 8 which has now been amended to be dependent upon claim 1 and therefore "not a separate invention as claimed." In other words, claim 8 has now been amended to be a product by process claim and therefore should be examined together with claims 1-7.

Stated otherwise, applicant submits that claims 1-8 are all directed to a single invention in view of the amendment to claim 8 to make claim 8 a product by process claim.

In summary, applicant submits that claims 1-7 and amended claim 8 are now in condition for examination as a single invention. An early and favorable action to that end is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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